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VARIABLE WALL THICKNESS

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[] Division [] Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract of Parent Application No. 10/762,024 (47 pages).

- [X] Formal drawings of Parent Application No. 10/762,024 (12 sheets, Figures 1-12).
- [X] Declaration and Power of Attorney of Parent Application No. 10/762,024 (3 pages).
- [X] Assignment of the invention to Wilson Sporting Goods Co. of Parent Application No. 10/762,024
- [X] Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet of Parent Application No. 10/762,024.
- [X] Preliminary Amendment (7 Pages)
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